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British Numismatic Society,
43, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

SESSION 1913.

ORDINARY MEETINGS.

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ANNIVERSARY, FOR ST. ANDREW'S DAY,

MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1913, at 8.30 p.m.

* * * The Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. precisely at
all Ordinary Meetings.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary*.

British Numismatic Society,

43, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

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HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V

SESSION 1913.

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British Numismatic Society.

43, BEDFORD SQUARE,

LONDON, W.C.

14th January, 1913.

PATRON:

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following paper will be read:—

The Oxford Mint in the time of Charles I. and the Gold Coins thence issued; by Philip Nelson, Esq., M.D., F.S.A.

Exhibitions of coins and medallio curios of the reign of Charles I, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

The following Communications are promised:

- A Numismatic History of the reigns of William I and II; Part II (continued), The Histories of the Mints; by P. Carlyon-Britton, Esq., F.S.A.
- The Edgehill and other War Medals of Charles I; by Miss Helen Farquhar.
- Portraiture of our Stuart Monarchs on their Coins and Medals. Part IV, William III and Anne; by Miss Helen Farquhar.
- A XIIth Century Hoard of English Pennies and foreign Deniers found at Rome; by Lord Grantley, F.S.A., and L. A. Lawrence, Esq., F.S.A.
- A Numismatic History of the Reign of Stephen (continued); by W. J. Andrew, Esq., F.S.A.
- The Viking Coinage in England (continued); by W. J. Andrew, Esq., F.S.A.
- A Numismatic History of the reigns of Edward I, II and III (continued); by H. B. Earle Fox, Esq., and J. S. Shirley-Fox, Esq., R.B.A.
- The coins of the British Settlements upon the American Continent. Part I, before 1700; by J. B. Caldecott, Esq.
- The Royal Farthing Tokens, Part II, 1636-1644; by Fleet-Surgeon A. E. Weightman, R.N., F.S.A.
- The Nineteenth-Century Tokens attributed to Canada; by R. W. McLachlan, Esq.
- Coins found in British Guiana; by E. A. V. Abraham, Esq., Corresponding Member for Demerara.
- Coins found at the Roman Station of *Crocolana*, Brough, Nottinghamshire; by T. Cecil S. Woolley, Esq.
- Phœnician influence on the pre-Roman coinage of Britain; by W. Sharp Ogden, Esq., F.S.A.
- Some inedited and rare Scottish coins; by Sheriff Mackenzie, F.S.A. Scot.
- Some gold coins countermarked or plugged for circulation in the West Indies; by J. B. Caldecott, Esq.
- Charles I: Coins issued from the Oxford Mint; by Philip Nelson, Esq., M.D., F.S.A.
- The Chester Mint; by Willoughby Gardner, Esq., F.L.S.
- The Coins and Times of Æthelstan; by P. Carlyon-Britton, Esq., F.S.A.
- A Hoard of Coins, chiefly of Carausius, found on the Little Orme's Head; by Willoughby Gardner, Esq., F.L.S.
- The Coinages of Edward V and Richard III; by Philip Nelson, Esq., M.D., F.S.A.
- A Find of Spade Guineas and other coins in Kensington High Street; by W. H. Wells, Esq.
- Roman Coins, *temp.* Carausius, found at Dinsylwy, Anglesey; by Willoughby Gardner, Esq., F.L.S., and the Rev. Evan Evans.
- The Scarborough Castle-Hill Find of early Farthing Tokens and Clippings; by Charles E. Simpson, Esq.
- The Patterns for an English Copper Coinage of Queen Elizabeth; by Fleet-Surgeon A. E. Weightman, R.N., F.S.A.
- A Medallio Portrait of Sir Walter Raleigh; by L. A. Lawrence, Esq., F.S.A.
- The Seventeenth-Century Tokens of Derbyshire; by J. O. Manton, Esq.
- Heraldry of the British Coinage, with special reference to the Mint-marks; by A. C. Fox-Davies, Esq.
- Re-strikes from the Soho dies, and kindred productions; by Stanley Bousfield, Esq., M.A., M.D.
- The Australasian Copper and Bronze Tokens (continued); by Alfred Chitty, Esq., Corresponding Member for Melbourne, Australia.
- The Token-coinage of Anglesey; by S. H. Hamer, Esq.
- Unpublished Seventeenth-Century Tokens of Ireland; by Lionel L. Fletcher, Esq.
- The Chronological sequence of the Types of Anglo-Saxon Coinage; by P. Carlyon-Britton, Esq., F.S.A.

British Numismatic Society.

43, BEDFORD SQUARE,

LONDON, W.C.

12th February, 1913.

PATRON :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following paper will be read :—

Sceatt Types as illustrating early Anglo-Saxon Art ; by Professor G. Baldwin Brown, M.A., Watson Gordon Professor of Fine Art in the University of Edinburgh.

** * Photographic Reproductions will be placed in the hands of Members.*

Exhibitions of Sceattas and early Anglo-Saxon objects with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on January 22nd, 1913:

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Mrs. Shirley-Fox and Mr. Joseph Young were elected Members.

Dr. Philip Nelson in a paper on 'The Mint at Oxford in the Reign of Charles I., and the Gold Coins thence Issued,' traced the military steps which determined the selection of Oxford as the capital of Royalist England, and the subsequent operations of the mint which the King established in that city. Perhaps the most interesting details were the lists of the plate sacrificed by the various colleges for the coinage. In a discussion which followed, the general feeling was that the monogram of B and R on some half-crowns of 1644 denoted Bristol, rather than the initials of Richard Bayley, head of St. John's College.

Mr. Henry Symonds called attention to an item in the manuscript "Assembly Book" in the possession of the Corporation of Chester, which read: "Order, 31 January, 20 Charles I., 1644-5, That so much of the ancient plate of this city as will amounte to the sum of one hundred poundes shall be forthwith converted into coyne for the necessary uses and defence of this city and towards the payment of the cities debts."

Mr. Carlyon-Britton exhibited, and read a short paper upon, a noble of Richard II., identical, save in the king's name, with the last issue of Edward III., even to the use of the curious contraction for the word *et*. Unlike any previously recorded specimens, which were struck from altered dies of Edward III., the coin exhibited represented dies newly prepared after Richard's accession.

Amongst other exhibitions were series of the beautiful coinage of the Oxford mint of Charles I., by Miss H. Farquhar, Mr. S. M. Spink, Mr. Cumberland Clark, Mr. Roth, and Mr. A. H. Baldwin; of silver counters of the same reign, by Mr. Lawrence; three varieties of the groat of Edward III. of the period 1351-60 by Mr. Shirley-Fox; and examples of new issues for India and West Africa, by Mr. H. Garside.

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W. J. ANDREW,
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12th March, 1913.

PATRON :

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SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following paper will be read :—

The 45th : 1st Nottinghamshire Regiment (Sherwood Foresters), their Honours and Medals; by Mr. Frank E. Burton.

Exhibitions of War Medals, Decorations and Curios, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on February 19th, 1913:

FROM *The Athenæum*.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Lady Rendlesham, Mr. W. L. Pocock, and Mr. A. S. Ruston were elected Members.

Prof. G. Baldwin Brown, Edinburgh University, read a paper on 'Sceatt Types as illustrating Anglo-Saxon Art.' The paper, it was explained, was written from the artistic rather than the numismatic point of view. A comparison was instituted between the artistic designs on the sceattas and those on the Merovingian *trientes* and the earlier Gallo-British series; and it was shown that the Anglo-Saxon artist possessed a constructive power which enabled him to constitute new types of an original and effective kind out of the wrecks of older motives. A large field of design, well within the compass of the Teutonic artist's powers, was hardly entered by the Merovingian moneyer, though within it the insular artist revelled with the most delightful freedom. This was the field of animal design, in which the Anglo-Saxons had evolved a whole menagerie of quaint and often pleasing shapes that had hardly a parallel in numismatic history. Photographic reproductions on an enlarged scale of sceatt types in British and Dutch collections were used to illustrate the ingenuity, the artistic tact, the feeling for distribution and balance, which gave the early Anglo-Saxon moneyer a really high place on the artistic side of numismatics. Special attention was drawn to the sceattas, so well represented in the Hunterian Collection at Glasgow, in which foliage, treated in an original fashion, was used by itself or in conjunction with the animal form to produce designs of no little freshness and charm.

In illustration of the subject, Mr. Carlyon-Britton exhibited a large series of sceattas representing most of the known types; Mr. William Dale a sceatta, Hawkins, Fig. 41, found at Clausentum, Hants; and Mr. W. Sharp Ogden two early sceattas and Anglo-Saxon relics in gold and bronze. Mr. Frank E. Burton showed two silver pennies of the Nottingham mint in the time of Athelstan, struck from two reverse dies instead of obverse and reverse; also two curious pennies of Edward the Confessor's *FACX* type bearing merely imitation legends; and Mr. Nathan Heywood exhibited a variety of the long-cross coinage of Henry III. of peculiar work.

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15th April, 1913.

PATRON :

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SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following paper will be read :—

The Names of Old-English Mint-towns which appear in the Saxon Chronicles,
Chapter I. (A to I); by Mr. Alfred Anscombe, F.R.Hist.S.

Exhibitions of Coins and Medals, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on March 19th, 1913:

FROM *The Athenæum.*

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

The President feelingly referred to the loss the Society had sustained in the tragic death of the King of Greece, one of its Royal Members.

Major Freer, on behalf of the Society, congratulated the President on his appointment as High Sheriff of Middlesex.

Mrs. Aitken and Messrs. Ernest Duveen, Geoffrey Duveen, Julius Guttag, and W. B. Thorpe were elected Members.

Mr. Frank E. Burton read a monograph on 'The 45th, 1st Nottinghamshire Regiment (Sherwood Foresters), their Honours and Medals.' He traced the history of the regiment from its origin in 1741 to its amalgamation with the Derbyshire Regiment in 1881, and instanced two facts as significant of the part it played in the Peninsular wars. Of that campaign it bore upon its colours the names of more victories than any other regiment; and it was to James Talbot of the 45th that the only Peninsular medal of fifteen bars, awarded to a British soldier, was issued. In illustration of his subject Mr. Burton exhibited a uniform worn in the Peninsula by an officer of the Grenadier Company of the regiment, and, with the exception of James Talbot's medal, almost a complete series of its medals, including a Field Officer's gold medal and clasp for Roleia, Vimera, and Talavera, and two examples of the Peninsular medal with thirteen bars. Mr. Winter, on behalf of Mr. S. M. Spink, showed the remarkable series of orders and medals awarded to General Sir James F. Lyons, K.C.B., 1775-1842; and Major Freer exhibited, amongst other medals, two in silver awarded for gallantry in the Crimea.

Mr. Henry Garside called attention to the alteration in the legend on the Canadian silver coinage for 1912, by the addition of the words *DEI GRA.*

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13th May, 1913.

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SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following paper will be read :—

Portraiture of our Stuart Monarchs — Anne; by Miss Helen Farquhar.
Illustrated by lantern-slides.

Exhibitions of Coins and Medals of the reign of Anne, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on April 23rd, 1913:

FROM *The Athenæum*.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Frank I. Liveright was elected a Member.

Mr. Alfred Anscombe read the first part of a paper on 'The Names of Old-English Mint-Towns which occur in the Saxon Chronicles.' After indicating those editions of the Chronicle which are of most importance and reliability, and enumerating the different manuscripts and their respective places of origin, Mr. Anscombe proceeded to give a brief review of the peculiarities of the literary dialects of Old English. Three of these, namely, Kentish, West Saxon, and Mercian, as he showed by distributing the several manuscripts of the Chronicle among them, were to be regarded as of primary importance in all considerations when the objects were the classification and elucidation of the thousands of forms of place- and person-names which appear on the coins of the Anglo-Saxon monarchs. The salient peculiarities in the written forms of the three dialects having been briefly commented upon and partly explained, the lecturer then combated the time-honoured notion that the puzzling variations which are found in the manuscripts, and on many carefully-struck coins also, are attributable to the orthographical difficulties of their respective scribes and cuneators. He showed how conventional these variations really are, explaining that the language of Southern England was courtly and highly cultivated, and pointed out that as soon as the possibility that these forms were systematic and historical was recognized, scholars like Sweet and Sievers set to work to classify the forms, and eventually produced a reliable scheme of dialectal variations which the lecturer had tabulated, and the inclusion of which in his paper when printed would enable numismatists to understand such variations, for instance, as *Egl* and *Egel* in the name of Aylesbury; as *Cialnoð* for *Ceolnoð*; *Hebe* for *Hyðe*; *Gleawa* and *Gleawe* in the name of Gloucester; *Hert* and *Heort* in that of Hertford, &c.

Several other names of Old English mint-towns, such as Bedford, Durham, Exeter, and Ipswich, were examined; and the curious history of the name of Cambridge, as elucidated by Prof. Skeat, was also referred to.

Amongst the exhibitions were a new variety of the groat of Henry VII.'s second coinage, bearing annulets as stops and other deviations from the usual issue, by Mr. Lawrence; a penny of the Canterbury mint of Henry VIII., bearing an unrecorded legend, also groats and half-groats of Edward VI. retaining his father's portrait and name, by Mr. W. M. Maish; and examples of the new coinage for British Honduras and British West Africa by Mr. Henry Garside.

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17th June, 1913.

PATRON :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following paper will be read :—

The Documentary Evidence for the English Royal Coinages of Henry VII.
and Henry VIII.; by Mr. Henry Symonds, F.S.A.

*Exhibitions of Coins and Curios of the reigns of Henry VII. and Henry VIII., with notes thereon,
are specially invited.*

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on May 21st, 1913.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Messrs. William Crouch, Albert P. Eugster, and Charles Winter were elected Members.

Miss Helen Farquhar gave an abstract, illustrated by lantern-slides, of the researches she had made amongst manuscripts in the Record Office, in the British Museum, and in various private collections concerning the numismatic history of Queen Anne, which terminated her series of articles on 'The Portraiture of Our Stuart Monarchs on their Coins and Medals.' She produced much interesting information, hitherto unpublished regarding the coinage, and noticed that the output of coins bearing the "Vigo" mark was smaller than would be expected, considering the amount of the booty reported to have been seized in October, 1702; but she explained this circumstance by the preponderance of merchandise over bullion, and by the fact that the foreign silver was circulated as such without being recoined. She gave many biographical details respecting several numismatic and medallist artists of whom hitherto little had been written, and traced the authorship of certain unattributed medals, pursuing her usual method of comparing the medallist with the painted portraiture of the time. Miss Farquhar exhibited a large series of coins, medals, and curios illustrating the many changes in the medallist portraiture of the Queen.

Amongst other exhibitions were a pair of large pewter-gilt medallions in commemoration of the Union, and a medal in copper-gilt combining the portraits of Queen Anne and Prince James Edward, by Mr. Lawrence; a shilling of 1711 with the third bust of the Queen, and a shilling of 1710 with the fourth bust, by Mr. Baldwin; a series of the coinage and medals of the same reign, by Mr. Charlton; varieties of the York and Irish pennies of Edward IV., and a portcullis halfpenny of James I., as Ruding XVI. 8, by Mr. Maish; and examples of the recent coinage for Ceylon, by Mr. Garside.

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15th July, 1913.

PATRON :

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SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23rd, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following papers will be read :—

A Numismatic History of the Reigns of William I. and II., continued, treating the Mints of Norwich, Thetford, Yarmouth, Northampton, and Peterborough; by Mr. P. W. P. Carlyon-Britton, F.S.A., President.

Notes on Some Irish Coins found at Trim; by Mr. J. B. S. MacIlwaine, R.H.A.

Exhibitions of Irish Coins, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on June 25th, 1913.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Henry Symonds read a paper on the documentary evidence for the coinages of Henry VII. and Henry VIII., and quoted extracts from many records of the period which were still unprinted. He showed that the rare silver piece, generally known as the shilling, of Henry VII. was not included among the authorized currency of 1503, and was probably a pattern for an intended coin of that value which was not approved. The various coinages of Henry VIII. were considered in detail, and it was pointed out that there were in fact six distinct issues, instead of five as had been previously supposed. The meaning of certain mint-marks was discussed, as were the results obtained by an assay of the coins. Mr. Symonds also drew attention to the provision, in 1545, of an artificial water supply for the use of the mint, a conduit of lead pipes being then laid from the country beyond Bethnal Green to the Tower of London. This conduit had been unnoticed by historians.

In illustration of the subject, Mr. Symonds exhibited groats of Henry VIII. bearing the mint-marks referred to; Mr. Carlyon-Britton showed a series of a hundred gold pieces of the reigns of Henry VII. to Edward VI.; Mr. Oswald Fitch, a large collection of the gold and silver money of the same period; Mr. Horace Lambert showed the original matrix of a seal dated 1490, bearing the name and titles of Henry VII. as King and Duke of Lancaster, which he believed was that of the Court of Common Pleas; Mr. H. A. Parsons, an angel of the first issue of Henry VII. with the Irish title and a reverse legend similar to that of the sovereign, and a half-sovereign of Henry VIII.'s late issue, without the sceptre; and Mr. J. B. S. MacIlwaine, a half-groat of Henry VII.'s third issue, weighing only 18 grains, although in good condition. Amongst other exhibitions were a penny of Harold I. of Exeter, by Mr. MacIlwaine; varieties of the half-groat of Richard II., of the noble of the first issue of Henry V., and of the Shrewsbury crown of Charles I., by Mr. W. M. Maish; and a set of the recently issued silver coinage for British West Africa, by Mr. A. H. Baldwin.

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15th October, 1913.

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SESSION 1913.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, at 8 p.m.

At the Ordinary Meeting on this date the following papers will be read :—

The Coins of Æthelred I. of Northumbria; by Mr. H. Alexander Parsons.

Some Remarks on the Mint and Coins of Aberystwyth; by Lieut.-Col.
H. M. Morgan, V.D.

Exhibitions of Coins, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on July 23rd, 1913.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

The Edinburgh University Library, Mr. Thomas Bliss, and Mr. F. W. Lincoln were elected to membership.

In continuation of his standard work, 'A Numismatic History of the Reigns of William I. and II.' the President treated the mints in the counties of Norfolk and Northampton, namely, Norwich, Thetford, Great Yarmouth, and Northampton. Of Norwich and Thetford the author was able to record existing specimens of all the thirteen successive coinages of the period; but Northampton was, as yet, represented in one of the types only—the second of the Conqueror. Yarmouth was a borough when Domesday was compiled, and as such was, according to the principle evolved by Mr. Carlyon-Britton and now accepted by experts, entitled to a mint; but hitherto no representative money had been forthcoming. It was therefore a matter of considerable interest that the author was able to record a silver penny of the fifth coinage of William I. reading +LEOFINE ON ERAMI (for ERAMV), which, by comparison with the form EREMEV on the mediæval seal of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, seemed clearly to indicate the place-name Yarmouth. He was of opinion that the Abbot of Peterborough's mint was at Stamford, and that his money in consequence bore the name of that town. The coins hitherto attributed to Peterborough he therefore thought should be transferred to Bury St. Edmunds.

A paper by Mr. J. B. S. MacIlwaine on some Irish coins found at Trim called attention to an Act of the Parliament held at Drogheda by Richard, Duke of York, in February, 1460, which authorized "a separate coinage for Ireland in the castles of Dublin and Trymme," and the writer identified a series of coins found at Trim as the money then issued at the latter place.

Mr. Charles Winter exhibited, and read a paper upon, the beautiful and unique medal in gold specially designed for presentation by George II. to Capt. Smith Callis, R.N., in recognition of his bravery in destroying five Spanish ships in the harbour of St. Tropes, June, 1742. He also showed the group of decorations earned in the Peninsula by Lieut.-Col. Russell Manners of the 74th Foot, comprising the Gold Cross, the Gold Medal, the Peninsular Medal, and the Gold Badge of a Military Companion of the Bath.

Amongst other exhibitions were :—a half-groat of Dublin of Edward IV.'s heavy coinage, and a groat of London of the "rosette" issue of Henry VI., by Mr. H. A. Parsons; eighteen half-groats of Henry VII.'s second coinage, found, with other coins, at Arklow, co. Wicklow, in 1895, by Mr. F. A. Walters; a series of seventeenth-century tokens of Trim, and some unrecorded tokens of later date, by Mr. L. L. Fletcher; and a half-groat of Henry VII.'s first issue struck at Canterbury, and bearing the "eye of Providence" after the letters DI in the legend, by Mr. J. Shirley-Fox.

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20th November, 1913.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1913.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st { Ordinary Meeting at 8 p.m.
Anniversary Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date the following papers will be read :—

A Find of English Half-groats of Henry VII. in the County of Wicklow;
by Mr. J. B. S. MacIlwaine, R.H.A.

A Find of English Coins of the Tudor and Stuart Periods in the County of
Wexford; by Mr. G. R. Francis.

The Form of the Harp on English Coins; by Lieut.-Col. H. W. Morrieson,
F.S.A., illustrated in Chalk by Mr. J. S. Shirley-Fox, R.B.A.

Exhibitions of Irish Coins, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Ballot for the Officers and Council, 1914, from 8.45 to 9.15 p.m.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of Meeting held on October 22nd, 1913.

FROM The Athenæum.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

The President announced that, in commemoration of the approaching tenth anniversary of the Society, Mr. John Sanford Saltus, a Vice-President, had presented the sum of 510*l.* to its funds, which with previous gifts of a like nature meant that the Society was now indebted to the generosity of Mr. Saltus for a total of 900*l.* of its funds. A most grateful vote of thanks was accorded to the donor.

Mr. W. J. Hocking of the Royal Mint was elected a Member.

Mr. H. A. Parsons read a paper on the coins of Æthelred I. of Northumbria, in which, after referring to the previous attempts to allocate money to this king, he brought under review a number of coins with early characteristics which, coupled with the identity in some cases of the reverse dies with those of the styecas of the succeeding sovereigns Eardwulf and Ælfwald II., left little doubt of their attribution to Æthelred I., A.D. 790-96. He exhibited several of the coins in question, and plaster casts of others for comparison.

In some remarks on the mint and coins of Aberystwith in the reign of Charles I., Lieut.-Col. H. M. Morgan referred to the discovery of fragments of crucibles below the soil of one of the remaining rooms of the Castle ruins, which seemed to locate the actual site of the mint: he also quoted Bushel's petition to the King and other contemporary documents which led to the establishment of the mint.

Lieut.-Col. H. W. Morrieson followed, and explained that by careful comparison of the details of the Aberystwith money with those of the contemporary issues from the Tower Mint it was possible to date each coin of the former series.

Amongst numerous exhibitions were series of the money issued from the Aberystwith mint, by Lieut.-Col. Morrieson and Mr. S. M. Spink: also specimens in illustration of his paper by Lieut.-Col. Morgan: a quarter-stater of the early British period, *Evans*, M. 3, found in Sussex, by General C. S. F. Fagan: a silver penny of Edward I. of the issue of A.D. 1300, recently discovered with human remains within a stone coffin at Leicester, by Mr. J. W. Spurway: a London penny of Henry IV.'s light coinage, with mint mark cross patée, sunk circle and thick bust, and a London halfpenny of his heavy coinage, weight 8½ grains, by Mr. F. A. Walters: and a collection of tallies or tokens as used in the Kent and Sussex hop gardens between 1692 and 1870, by Mr. Stewart A. Clarke.

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ANNIVERSARY, ST. ANDREW'S DAY,

MONDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1914, at 8.30 p.m.

* * The Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. precisely at
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W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

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LONDON, W.C.
13th January, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1914.

ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date an address will be given on:—

A systematic Method of Classification of English Mediæval Coins: with special reference to those of Henry VI.; by **Mr. J. Shirley-Fox.**

Exhibitions of Plantagenet Coins, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Anniversary Meeting held on December 1st, 1913.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

MR. L. A. LAWRENCE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following officers and members of Council were elected: *President*, Mr. P. W. P. Carlyon-Britton; *Vice-Presidents*, Major W. J. Freer, Mr. L. A. Lawrence, Dr. Philip Nelson, Mr. W. Sharp Ogden, Mr. J. S. Saltus, and Mr. Henry Symonds; *Director*, Mr. J. Shirley-Fox; *Treasurer*, Mr. A. C. Hutchins; *Librarian*, Lieut.-Col. H. W. Morrieson; *Secretary*, Mr. W. J. Andrew; *Council*, Messrs. A. H. Baldwin, Thomas Bearman, Dr. S. Bousfield, Mr. R. Carlyon-Britton, Miss Helen Farquhar, Mr. Oswald Fitch, Mr. Lionel Fletcher, Rev. C. K. Henderson, Messrs. Mellor Lumb, Bernard Roth, Edward Shepherd, Beresford Smith, S. M. Spink, and F. A. Walters.

Mr. E. H. Dring, Sir Henry Howorth, Mr. S. J. Tombs, and the Cheltenham Public Library were elected Members.

Mr. G. R. Francis read a paper describing a find of English Tudor and Stuart coins in the county of Wexford which provided an almost complete series of all the mint-marks found upon the hammered shillings of Elizabeth, and Lieut.-Col. Morrieson gave a short address, with illustrations, upon the various designs of the harp found upon English coins from James I. to William III.

Among the exhibits were coins from the Wexford hoard exhibited by Mr. Francis; by Col. Morrieson, Stuart coins in illustration of his paper; by Mr. Oswald Fitch, siege pieces of Charles I.; by Mr. Lionel Fletcher, seventeenth-century Irish tokens having a harp as the device; and by Mr. F. Toplis a halfpenny of George III. with a blundered inscription upon either side.

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10th February, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1914.

ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date an address will be given on:—

The Coins of Aberystwith, A.D. 1637—1642; illustrated by lantern-slides;
by Lieut.-Col. H. W. Morrieson, F.S.A.

Exhibitions of Coins of Charles I., with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on January 21st, 1914.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Mr. J. B. S. MacIlwaine contributed an account of the discovery of a hoard of silver coins near Wicklow in 1897. Owing to the secrecy which usually envelops such finds, he had been able to inspect only twenty of the pieces, but these proved to be all half-groats of the second issue of Henry VII., with mint-mark lys, and struck at London.

Mr. Shirley-Fox gave a description of the method which he and his brother, Mr. Earle Fox, had devised for systematically classifying Plantagenet coins. The general principle was to treat the obverse and reverse as separate units, and by dividing them into well-defined classes in tabular form, it was possible instantly to ascertain whether any given combination had been recorded. Selecting as a typical example the varied and complicated series of half-groats of the "leaf-trefoil" issue of Henry VI., of which he exhibited a large number, the lecturer showed by practical demonstration that any selected piece could be identified at a glance, and placed correctly in its column. The system could be applied as well to gold as to silver coins, and also to those of Edward III. and of earlier reigns, issued before a definite sequence of privy marks had been introduced.

Mr. W. Sharp Ogden exhibited a series of silver pennies of Richard II., Henry VI., and Edward IV., illustrating the rude workmanship of the dies then made in York and Durham when compared with those of London manufacture. Other exhibitions included a half-noble of Henry VI., mint-mark lys, with three pellets in the second quarter of the reverse, by Mr. Joseph Young; five groats of Henry VI., with mint-mark voided cross, struck from the same obverse die, but each with a different reverse, by Mr. Shirley-Fox; and six specimens from a small hoard of about sixty silver pieces of the money current at the date of the Battle of Sedgemoor, and found on its site, by General C. S. Feltrim Fagan.

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17th March, 1914.

PATRON

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SESSION 1914.

ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date

AN EXHIBITION OF WAR MEDALS

will be held, and a series of short Papers read, including :—

By Major Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., Vice-President.

‘A Leader of a Forlorn Hope at St. Sebastian, 1812 ; with some Notes on the 38th Foot, now the 1st Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment, and its Medals.’

By Mr. Charles Winter.

‘The Gold Collars, Medals and Crosses granted to British Officers by the Portuguese for services in the Peninsular War.’

Exhibitions of Medals of:—

‘The Royal Irish Regiment, with notes on its history.’

‘The 77th Regiment, now the 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Cambridge’s Own Middlesex Regiment, with notes on its history.’

Exhibitions of War Medals, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on February 18th, 1914.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

MR. L. A. LAWRENCE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Rev. H. Poole was elected a Member.

Col. Morrieson gave a description, illustrated by lantern-slides, of the coinage issued from the mint at Aberystwith in the reign of Charles I. from 1637 to 1642, and called attention to the various differences which appear on the coins. By a comparison of these details with similar variations which appear on the money issued from the Tower Mint during the same period, he was enabled to arrange the consecutive order, and to date approximately the types and varieties of the Aberystwith coins, including those bearing the “Declaration.” They comprised four different half-crowns, four shillings, five sixpences, four groats, three threepences, three half-groats, four pennies, and one halfpenny. Through the researches of Mr. Henry Symonds he showed that the date—October, 1637—hitherto assigned to the issue of the groats, threepences, and halfpence must now be corrected to February, 1637–1638. Referring to the coins struck after 1642 which had hitherto been attributed to Aberystwith, he doubted whether they had been issued from that mint, and gave his reasons, amongst which were the continued absence of Bushell the licensee, and the sequestration by the Parliament of his property in the Welsh silver mines.

In illustration of his subject, Col. Morrieson exhibited a complete series of the coins described. Other exhibitions were coins of Charles I., including a circular clipping representing the whole of the legend of a shilling, and a well-preserved Oxford half-crown of 1643, by Mr. Charlton ; a short-cross penny, Class I., of Henry II., reading SAGAR ON OXEN, a hitherto unrecorded moneyer, and a small metal money-box chased with figures in the costume of the second half of the sixteenth century, by Mr. L. A. Lawrence.

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16th April, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1914.

ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date the following paper will be read:—

Some Coins of Sigtuna inscribed with the names of Æthelred, Cnut and Harthacnut; by Mr. H. Alexander Parsons.

Exhibitions, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on March 25th, 1914.

FROM The Athenæum.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President in the Chair.

Mr. Leslie Thorns was elected a Member.

The meeting had been reserved for an exhibition of war medals, and short papers upon them.

Major Freer read some notes on the 38th Foot and its medals, including an interesting account of the forlorn hope at St. Sebastian, 1812, from letters written by his ancestor, Lieut. George Freer, who was one of its leaders. Major J. H. Leslie supplemented these notes with extracts from the diary of another officer who was an eye-witness of the storming of the fort, these notes curiously corroborating the details of the story.

Mr. Charles Winter contributed 'The Gold Collars, Medals, and Crosses granted to British Officers by the Portuguese for Services in the Peninsular War,' a paper which raised questions of interest. It appeared that although these decorations were awarded by the Portuguese, they were to be made in England by, and at the expense of, the recipient. The result was that many were never taken up, and it was an open question whether the gold collar of the Duke of Wellington, which was supposed to have been a British decoration, was not really one of the two collars awarded by the Portuguese to British officers. On the other hand, it was suspected that at least one officer of junior rank assumed to himself the star given only to commanding officers.

General Arbutnot exhibited the remarkable group of medals earned by his grandfather Lieut.-General Sir Robert Arbutnot, comprising the K.C.B., the cross and star of the Portuguese Order of the Tower and Sword, the gold cross with bars for Toulouse, Nive, and Orthes, the Portuguese Campaign medal, the Portuguese war medal, and the Queen's medal with two bars, the last proving that the gold cross should have borne a fourth bar.

Dr. A. A. Payne showed four examples of the Portuguese crosses and the Brunton gold star.

Mr. S. M. Spink exhibited a series of the medals of the Royal Irish Regiment, accompanied by notes on its history. He also showed the gold star and badge of the Order of the Tower and Sword.

Mr. Frank Burton submitted an original gorget and a photograph from the portrait of the Colonel of the Notts Militia wearing it, *circa* 1780.

Mr. E. E. Needes showed the group of six orders and medals of Lieut.-Col. Robert Nixon of the 28th Foot, which included the gold medal for Egypt, 1801; also a large series of medals awarded to the 77th Regiment.

Mr. T. R. Mackenzie exhibited a group of three medals, including that for the forlorn hope at St. Sebastian; and Mr. M. A. Jamieson had sent from Canada the North American Indian chief's medal, Treaty No. 6, 1876, "Big Bear."

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20th May, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1914.

ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date the following paper will be read:—

Touchpieces and Maundy Money; by Miss Helen Farquhar.

The paper will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Exhibitions, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on April 22nd, 1914.

FROM The Athenæum.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Herr Maurits Schulman of Amsterdam was elected a Member.

Mr. H. Alexander Parsons read a paper on 'Some Coins of Sigtuna in Sweden, inscribed with the Names of Æthelred, Cnut, and Harthacnut,' in which he showed, by the design, lettering, and weight, that the pieces bearing the name of Æthelred were copies of the pennies of that Anglo-Saxon king struck by a moneyer in Sigtuna under Olaf, the contemporary Swedish prince. On the other hand, the coins of the same mint bearing the names of Cnut and Harthacnut were noticeable for the regularity of their workmanship and the purity of their inscriptions, which suggested that they were not due to the mere copying of Anglo-Saxon money, but that they were an intentional issue by skilled moneyers acting under definite instructions for the inscriptions used. These, in the case of the coins of Cnut, included the Swedish royal title: and by close reasoning based on contemporary and later records the lecturer urged that the historical silence of events in the summer of A.D. 1027 should be broken by the assumption that Cnut reopened the campaign against Sweden, and emerged therefrom a victor. Hence the issue of the coins of Sigtuna bearing his name and that of his son and successor. The coins referred to, or their casts, with others for the purposes of comparison, were exhibited by Mr. Parsons: and Mr. L. L. Fletcher showed the recent centenary medal of Australia's first coinage, in 1813, designed and issued by Mr. Alfred Chitty.

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17th June, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

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ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24th, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date the following paper will be read:—

A Numismatic History of the Reign of Stephen, *continued*; by W. J. Andrew, F.S.A.

Exhibitions, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on May 27th, 1914.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Major John Henry Leslie and Mr. Charles Henry Heathcote were elected Members.

Miss Helen Farquhar read a paper, illustrated by lantern-slides, on 'Touchpieces,' in which, after passing in review the evidence concerning "the royal ceremony of healing" in Mediaeval and Tudor times, she produced new matter from contemporary manuscripts relating to the rite as practised by the Stuarts. She proved that a brass medalet ordered in 1635 from the chief graver at the Tower was not, as had lately been believed, a substitute for the gold angel of Charles I., but was a pass (or tally) given to the patient by the surgeon-in-chief to ensure his admission to the King's presence, and to certify that he was a sufferer from the disease known as "the King's Evil." Miss Farquhar thus removed the mistaken impression that Charles I. resorted to a token of base metal as a touchpiece whilst the mint in London was still available for the production of the gold coin; and she instanced in corroboration the fact, now known, that angels were there coined until the actual outbreak of the Civil War. She also drew attention to certain documents which showed that suggestions were made for reducing the weight of the gold touchpieces, which had been substituted for the coinage of angels under Charles II., because of the great numbers resorting to that King to be touched. Although the suggestions were not then accepted, the reduction was made in the following reign; and later in the days of his poverty in exile, James II. was further compelled to substitute silver for the traditional gold piece.

Amongst the exhibitions were a series of touchpieces, by Miss Farquhar, and of angels from the reign of Henry VI. to that of Charles I. by the President. Three specimens of the medalet, or pass, of 1635 were shown by Miss Farquhar. Mr. Henry Symonds, and Mr. J. O. Morton, the designer was; obverse, the Hand of Providence issuing from the clouds over the heads of four men below; legend, HE TOUCHED THEM; reverse, Rose and thistle beneath a royal crown; legend, AND THEY WEARE HEALED. Mr. Lawrence showed part of a set of silver counters illustrating the crisis of London traders.

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15th July, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1914.

ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date the following papers will be read:—

A Numismatic History of the Reigns of William I. and William II., *continued*;
the Mints of Nottingham and Oxford; by Mr. P. Carlyon-Britton, *President*.

The Leicester Mint; its situation; first establishment; and the differentiation of its coins from those of Chester; with a Schedule of all known moneyers of both mints: illustrated by specimens from the Author's collection; by Mr. Joseph Young.

Exhibitions, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary*.

Report of the Meeting held on June 24th, 1914.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President in the Chair.

Diwan Bahadur T. Desica Chariar and Mr. Roderick W. Henderson were elected Members.

Mr. Andrew continued his numismatic history of the reign of Stephen, in which he detailed the *coup d'état* which enabled that king to seize the crown and Henry's vast treasure at Winchester, which, in addition to great quantities of gold and silver plate, included nearly two and a half millions of silver pennies, then the only denomination of current money. Some estimate of the comparative value of the treasure could be drawn from the fact that the cost of building two arches of London Bridge in 1130 was only 25*l*. Under the political conditions of Stephen's election, the expediency of an immediate issue of his money throughout the realm was obvious, and as evidence of the haste with which it was rushed through, Mr. Andrew instanced its legend, STIFNE REX, which combined a *false* English nominative with a Latin title. This first type of Stephen's money. Hawkins fig. 270, was probably designed at the coronation, Christmas, 1135, and was continued until the battle of Lincoln, Feb. 2nd, 1141; but meanwhile it passed through three successive variations, which could be differentiated by the legends (1): STIFNE REX, (2) STIFNE RE OF R, (3) STIFNE. Mr. Andrew thought it possible that the device upon the reverse of this type represented the royal crown in plan as a rebus on the name *Stephanus*=a crown or garland.

Mr. S. M. Spink exhibited his collection of remarkable coins of this reign, most of them being issued by other than the King's authority, and illustrating historical events at the various local mints where they were coined.—Mr. F. A. Walters showed an impression in pewter from the obverse die of the gold medal awarded by the Commonwealth to Admirals Blake, Monk, Penn, and Lawson for their victories over the Dutch in 1653. Of the four medals struck, three are still in existence.

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14th October, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1914.

ORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, at 8 p.m.

At the Meeting on this date the following paper will be read:—

The English Coinages of Edward VI.; by Henry Symonds, F.S.A.

Exhibitions of Tudor Coins, with notes thereon, are specially invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on July 22nd, 1914.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

In continuation of his standard work 'A Numismatic History of the Reigns of William I. and II.,' the President treated the counties of Nottingham and Oxford. Of the mint at Nottingham he was able to record existing silver pennies of all the eight coinages of William I., with the exceptions of types v. and vii.; but the obverse of the latter was present upon a "muled" coin combining that type with number viii. The whole of William II.'s coinages were represented. Of the Oxford mint, pennies of all the types of William I., and of the first three of William II. were known. Following his usual custom, he dealt historically with the origin and early conditions of both the towns and mints under consideration.

Mr. Joseph Young contributed a paper upon the mint and coins of Leicester in Anglo-Saxon and Norman times. Questioning the hitherto accepted opinion that the site of the mint was at the North Bridge, which was more than a quarter of a mile beyond the city walls, he adduced Athelstan's edict which prohibited the coining of money except within the towns, and explained that the authority for this belief was a fifteenth-century transcript of the original schedule of the possessions of Leicester Abbey, in which, he believed, by a clerical error the word *portam* had been rendered *pontem*. Thus corrected, the real site of the mint would be at the North Gate of Leicester, and therefore, as in all other cases, within the town. He adopted the rule laid down by the late Mr. Montagu, that the presence or absence of the letter R in the mint name upon the coins determined whether their attribution should be to Leicester or to Chester. A schedule comprising what the lecturer believed to be a complete list of the known readings and types of the money was appended; and he exhibited his extensive collection of the coins of both the mints named.

Amongst other exhibitions were a penny of Coenwulf of Mercia, with the bust to the left; a penny of David I. of Scotland, similar in type to Hawkins Fig. 255 of Henry I., and minted at Carlisle; and several mediæval examples, also quite new to numismatics, by Mr. L. A. Lawrence: one coin of the period from William and Mary to George I., on which curious blunders appear in either the legend or the design, by Mr. G. R. Francis; and four unrecorded varieties of the money of William and Mary, by Mr. J. B. S. MacIlwaine.

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18th November, 1914.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1914.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING at 8.30 p.m.

8.45-9.15 p.m. BALLOT for the ELECTION of OFFICERS and COUNCIL for the ensuing year,
and for the AWARD of the JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL.

EXHIBITION

OF

OBJECTS of INTEREST illustrating the side-lights of NUMISMATICS:—Ancient Ring Money and Currency Bars; Coins bearing early Christian Symbols; Dies; Money Scales and Weights; Treasure-trove in original state, and Vessels which have contained it; Ancient Poor Boxes, Money Boxes, and Treasure Caskets; Money or Medals converted into Punch Ladles, Plate or old Jewellery; Coins engraved with artistic designs or interesting inscriptions; Early Bank Notes; Communion, and other Tokens or Tallies used for special purposes; Tally Sticks; Medals to which special interest is attached as memorials; old Illustrations of Minting; and the like.

The Council will be grateful to Members who will kindly exhibit any objects of interest of this character, with descriptive notes.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on October 21st, 1914.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

MR. CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Mr. B. W. Russell and Mr. Thomas Sheppard were elected Members, and Mr. W. Beresford Smith and Mr. Walter Banks were appointed Auditors.—The history of the English coinages of Edward VI. was described by Mr. Henry Symonds. It was shown that a considerable portion of the work at the eight mints which then existed was experimental in character, with the object of restoring, step by step, the debased condition of the currency. The constant alterations in the standards of fineness, occasionally in a retrograde direction, led to confusion and irregularities, and finally resulted in the closing of all, save one, of the provincial mints. Further complications arose from the efforts to suppress, and convert into smaller moneys, the testons of the previous reign. Mr. Symonds thought that the coinages of Edward VI. should be divided into six classes rather than four, although some of them were comparatively limited in scope. Several unpublished documents were quoted, among which was a letter containing the young king's personal wishes as to the new coins of 1551. Mr. Symonds also commented upon some of the mint-marks, the interpretation of which was affected by the new evidence.

In illustration of the above paper, the President exhibited forty-four specimens of the gold coinages of Edward VI., including those bearing the name and titles of Henry VIII.; Lieut.-Col. Morrisson a series of silver coins from the crown to the penny, of the various issues from the mint of London during the same reign; and Mr. Lawrence a base teston of Edward VI. with the mint-mark rose, date MDLII., and countermarked with a greyhound; also a groat of Mary countermarked with a portcullis. Amongst other exhibitions were two half-crowns of Charles I. issued at Sandsfoot Castle, Weymouth. The obverses of both were from the same die, but one of the reverses bore the unusual legend FLORENT CONCORDIA REGNA. They were shown by Mr. F. A. Walters.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

NOVEMBER 30TH, 1914.

The Council has the honour to present its Eleventh Annual Report to the Members.

On November 30th, 1913, the Society consisted of 18 Royal, 15 Honorary, and 448 Ordinary Members, the total being 481.

Since then a vast war cloud has burst upon the world, the effects of which are so far-spreading that many learned societies upon the Continent of Europe are shaken to their foundations.

But our Society stands upon firm ground, not only geographically, but also financially, and it is strengthened by the united support of its Members. Your Council is therefore able to assure you that with the exception of a slight fall from the average in the enrolment of new members, which was to be expected, the British Numismatic Society—with the British Empire—can look with confidence upon both present and coming events.

It is a thankful pleasure to report that during the year there has been no reduction in the number of our Royal Members. But the Society will share that wave of heartfelt sorrow which has spread throughout the Empire for the death of Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, V.C., who was one of the first Honorary Members to be elected by it. The same list is also reduced by the retirement from this country of the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador.

The war has claimed its toll of two, at least, of our Ordinary Members, namely, Brigadier-General Norman Reginald McMahon, D.S.O., of the Royal Fusiliers, and Captain Walton Mellor, of the Royal Irish Regiment. The Brigadier joined the Society at its inauguration, and Captain Mellor was the nephew of your Secretary. Their loss in the service of our country will be regretted by all of us. It is the Council's sad duty to also report the decease of ten Members, including the late Major R. P. Jackson, in whom the Society lost a valued contributor to its *Journal* on the Indian currency, in which series he was an expert and fluent writer.

Notwithstanding the economic pressure usually incident to war's alarms, the list of 14 resignations is lighter than the average, and few are due to that cause; two also have ceased to be Members under Section III, Chapter IV, of the Rules.

On the other hand, the Council has the pleasure to announce the names of 13 Members who have joined the Society during the year, namely :—

Lt.-Col. R. Leslie Birkin,	Major John Henry Leslie, late
D.S.O., J.P.,	R.A.,
Mr. Joseph Burton,	Miss E. M. Manton,
Diwan Bahadur T. Desica Chariar,	The Rev. H. Poole, B.A.,
B.A.,	Mr. Benjamin Walter Russell,
Mr. William Edwards Gray,	Herr Maurits Schulman,
F.R.G.S.,	Mr. Thomas Sheppard, and
Mr. Charles Henry Heathcote,	Mr. Leslie Thorns.
Mr. Roderick W. Henderson, J.P.,	

In this stress of war every deep feeling of our hearts will be stirred for the welfare of the Royal Sons of our Gracious Patron King George V. : also with admiration for the heroic efforts of our Royal Members, His Majesty Albert, King of the Belgians, and his Royal Consort the Queen of the Belgians.

To our colleague upon the Council, Mr. Lionel L. Fletcher, of the Honourable Artillery Company, to Lieutenant Courtenay Carlyon-Britton, son of our President, of the Royal Navy Submarine Department, and to all our Members engaged upon active service for their country, we tender a heartfelt wish for a happy issue to their duties.¹

To-day Major Carlyon-Britton completes his fifth consecutive year of office as President of the Society, and under our Rules the Council is prohibited from nominating him for the ensuing year. During the eleven years since the inauguration of the Society, Major Carlyon-Britton has held that office by the unanimous wish of all for the full period allowed by the Rules, namely, for two terms of five years each. To him, far more than to any other member, is due the position the Society enjoys in the world of science, also its phenomenal success from the day its formation was first contemplated by him and his two colleagues. Members will endorse these expressions of gratitude to him, and will unite with the Council in the hope that his good efforts on behalf of the Society will so far as possible be continued in his new office of Director. We say "so far as possible," because Major Carlyon-Britton has recently offered his services and been appointed Major to the 14th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, with orders to forthwith join his Regiment at Falmouth *en route* for service at the front. The best wishes of our Members will accompany him.

The Council feels assured that Members with one accord will welcome the selection of Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. Morrieson as President for the ensuing year, and unite with it in giving their most loyal support to him in that office. He was an original Member of the Society, and for the last ten years has been its Librarian. During the whole of that period no one could have given more care and attention to the duties of the office than Colonel Morrieson has devoted, and your Council expresses its deep appreciation of his services.

In selecting Mr. Raymond Carlyon-Britton to succeed Colonel Morrieson as Librarian, the Council is influenced by the keen interest he has taken in assisting his father in the routine duties of the Society ; particularly in this relation during recent years.

The Report of Mr. A. C. Hutchins, as Treasurer, will be laid before you. Mr. Hutchins keeps the accounts of the Society in a most clear and precise manner, and the books, vouchers and securities are submitted to every meeting of the Council. The accounts for the past year have been verified by Mr. Walter Banks and Mr. W. Beresford Smith as Honorary Auditors, and to them the thanks of the Members are due. The sound financial position of the Society is a most gratifying element to your Council.

Members will unite with us in acknowledging our indebtedness to Major Carlyon-Britton and Mr. Lumb for their continued generosity

¹ The Secretary will be obliged for information as to the names of *all* Members who are engaged in naval or military service for the Allied Forces,

in placing the suite of rooms at 43, Bedford Square, at the service of the Society.

Mr. H. B. Earle Fox, Mr. J. S. Shirley-Fox, and Mr. L. A. Laurence, continue to conduct their respective duties with reference to the Research Fund and the Lantern-slide Department with their accustomed ability.

Volume X of the *Journal* is now in the press and will soon be in the Members' hands. It completes the First Series of the *British Numismatic Journal*, and will contain a short general index. A detailed index to the ten volumes would require, at least, 150 pages, and your Council, therefore, thinks it advisable to leave this matter over until, perhaps, at the close of the Second Series, it will become necessary, and may then be met by the issue of a separate Index volume. That the present series has uniformly upheld its high standard of excellence, from the first volume to the last, is vouched by a recent comment of the Librarian of one of our largest Institutions:—"No volume finds its way on to our shelves that is better worth its cost than the *British Numismatic Journal*." The Council trusts that the Second Series will continue to justify this encomium, and any suggestions by Members to improve it in any way will be welcomed by the Editors. The object in dividing the publication into series of ten years each is to enable new Members to commence their sets of volumes with the current section; and this offers an additional inducement to Members who join the Society in the immediate future.

It is the merit of the papers inserted that qualify the status of a Journal, and the Council takes this opportunity of expressing its indebtedness to the abilities in that respect of the numerous contributors to the series. It has never been the policy of the Council to comment upon the merits of any paper, for that is best left to the reader; and therefore it can only say generally that the result of the last ten years has far surpassed its most sanguine hopes when the publication was first contemplated.

To those Members who so generously contribute to the Library and Collections of the Society, the Council tenders its thanks; and it is also grateful to those who help the interest of our Meetings by the exhibition of coins, medals, tokens and objects of interest from their collections. In this respect the exhibitions have been very satisfactory during the past year, but the Council would like to hint that they might be of a more general character if Members would dismiss from mind the false idea that only the "rarest of the rare" would interest those who attend.

Whilst reviewing the ten years of literary work and the eleven years of practical work, the Council would like to call attention to two points which are open to improvement, for in everything else the Society has surpassed all expectations. They are: (1) The attendance at our Monthly Meetings. The number of Members and their friends present averages 30. This is not sufficient, because our object is to extend interest in historical numismatics as widely as possible. The obvious remedy is that perhaps those who can attend will invite their friends to accompany them until the average attendance is increased to

at least 50. (2) The enrolment of new Members. We are at least 60 below our limit of 500 Ordinary Members, and this is a matter of considerable anxiety to your Council. A circular prospectus has been sent to each of you, urging you to bring it to the notice of those whom you think likely to be interested in the encouragement of numismatic science, but the result has not been what was expected. The Council is most grateful to those Members, few and therefore the more valued, who have already entered into the spirit of this movement, and it confidently believes that when the general body of Members really realizes that it is necessary for them to assist the Council in this vital matter, the trouble will be promptly removed. That this is an unfortunate time is granted, but that you, the general Members, can help the Council to fill the vacancies, and yourselves continue to support its efforts, is an appeal to you which you will, it is trusted, appreciate.

British Numismatic Society.

43, BEDFORD SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.

13th January, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

Presentation of the JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL, which was awarded by the ballot of the Members at the Anniversary Meeting to W. J. ANDREW, F.S.A.

The following paper, illustrated by LANTERN-SLIDES, will be read:—
"THE SHORT-CROSS COINAGE," by L. A. LAWRENCE, F.S.A.

Exhibitions of varieties of the "Short-Cross Coinage" are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Anniversary Meeting held on November 30th, 1914.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

MAJOR CARLYON-BRITTON, President, in the Chair.

Lieut.-Col. R. Leslie Birkin, Miss E. M. Manton, and Mr. W. E. Gray were elected Members. The Secretary announced that the President had been appointed Major of the 14th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, for the Expeditionary Forces, and a resolution that the good wishes of the Society would accompany him was passed with acclamation.

The following were elected as Officers and Council for the ensuing year: *President*, Lieut.-Col. Morrieson; *Vice-Presidents*, Miss H. Farquhar, Major W. J. Freer, Mr. L. A. Lawrence, Mr. B. Roth, Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, and Mr. J. S. Shirley-Fox; *Director*, Major Carlyon-Britton; *Treasurer*, Mr. A. C. Hutchins; *Librarian*, Mr. R. C. Carlyon-Britton; *Secretary*, Mr. W. J. Andrew; *Council*, Dr. Stanley Bousfield, Mr. William Dale, General C. S. Feltrim Fagan, Mr. Lionel L. Fletcher, the Rev. C. K. Henderson, Mr. Mellor Lumb, Dr. Philip Nelson, Mr. W. S. Ogden, Col. J. W. R. Parker, C.B., Mr. H. A. Parsons, Mr. Edward Shepherd, Mr. S. M. Spink, Mr. Henry Symonds, Mr. F. A. Walters, and Capt. Nevile R. Wilkinson, Ulster King-of-Arms.

The ballot for the Saltus Gold Medal (which is awarded triennially by the votes of members, present or by post, for the best treatise upon numismatics) resulted, almost unanimously, in favour of Mr. W. J. Andrew for his 'Numismatic History of the Reign of Stephen.'

Resolutions of honour to those members who had fallen, and also to those who were on active service in the British forces at the war, were passed.

To a large and varied exhibition of the side-lights of numismatics many members had contributed objects of interest, amongst which were noticeable the following: gold ring money and a beautiful gold torque of the Early Iron Age, found together; large silver penannular ring; a die for the obverse of Henry II.'s first coinage; and original proclamations suppressing tradesmen's tokens in 1672 and 1674, by Mr. W. C. Wells,—bronze ring money; Roman bronze urn found near Ripon, containing money; and poor-boxes and money caskets from the thirteenth century to the eighteenth, by Mr. W. J. Andrew,—a similar urn found with the last; and a bronze casket, in the form of a building of the seventeenth century, found in the excavations for London Bridge, by Mr. W. S. Ogden,—coins bearing early Christian symbols, by Mr. F. A. Walters,—inscribed tally-sticks, *temp.* Edward III.; miniature casket engraved with figures, *temp.* Elizabeth; and money scales in cases, *temp.* James I., by Mr. L. A. Lawrence,—a curious Rockingham money-box, by Mrs. Shirley-Fox,—money scales; Indian chuckram boards; set of card notes for the crown, half-crown, and shilling, Isle of Man. 1815-16; obsonial pieces; and hundreds of curious issues and substitutes for money from all parts of the world, such as the Swedish dalers, Mexican axe money, Siamese ingots, split ingots, canoe-, bullet-, and willow-leaf money, Chinese annulets and ingots, Cufic glass money, South American wood money, Vancouver shell money, Persian hook money, and a Venetian 10-zecchini gold piece of the last Doge, by Mr. S. M. Spink,—a hoard of 45 circular clippings from silver money current *temp.* Charles II., and found in 1898 in Middlesex Street (Petticoat Lane), Whitechapel, by Mr. Raymond Carlyon-Britton; ring money from Benin; Chinese bronze money; and a medal of Sir Isaac Newton in original case, by Lieut.-Col. Morrieson,—and model three-cornered hats, *temp.* George III., and other curiosities made of British coins; and a collection of old-coin-weights, by Mr. William Charlton.

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17th February, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

The following papers will be read :—

CROWNS of the TOWER MINT of CHARLES I.; by GRANT R. FRANCIS.

CONTEMPORARY EVIDENCE against the attribution of OBSIDIONAL MONEY to LATHOM HOUSE and other isolated fortresses; by W. J. ANDREW, F.S.A.

Exhibitions of crown-pieces of Charles I. are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on January 20th, 1915.

FROM *The Athenaeum.*

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, President, in the Chair.

Mrs. Walton Mellor was elected a Member.

The John Sanford Saltus Gold Medal was presented to Mr. W. J. Andrew.

Mr. L. A. Lawrence read a paper upon what is known as "the short-cross coinage," being the silver penny issued by Henry II. in 1180, which, although bearing his name and title as "Henricus Rex," was continued as the only currency in England by his successors Richard I., John, and Henry III. until 1247; but as there were several recoinages of the type during that period, the resulting variations in detail and workmanship enabled the late Sir John Evans, fifty years ago, to attempt to classify the coins in their chronological sequence, and to attribute to each of the four kings the variety current during his reign. Mr. Lawrence proffered the evidence of numerous contemporary records bearing upon his subject, which not only indicated considerable alteration in this classification, but also enabled him to date approximately the issue of all the eight classes into which he had now chronologically divided the series. He proved that in 1218 all the mints in the country, with the exception of six, were closed; and of these six, York and Winchester continued to coin for a short period only, and Durham survived for but a little longer, leaving London, Canterbury, and Bury St. Edmunds to supply the whole of the money required for England. He exhibited a series of the coins illustrating the varieties.

Major Raymond F. Boileau communicated the discovery of a short-cross coin of the London mint while his regiment, the 10th Royal Fusiliers, was digging trenches at East Donyland, near Colchester, on December 29th.

Mr. J. Sanford Saltus presented to the Society a set of the commercial tercentenary medals of New York.

The President exhibited a variety of the short-cross series reading *LONDE CIVITAS* on the reverse; and Mr. William C. Wells five examples from dies of unusual character. Amongst other exhibitions were an angel of Henry VI., with trefails for the stops and a pierced cross for the mint-mark on the obverse only, weighing 79 grains, by Mr. Lawrence; a groat of Henry IV.'s *first coinage*, weighing 53½ grains, from a die on which the name of Richard II. had been altered to that of his successor, but of a type of which no coins are known of Richard II., by Mr. F. A. Walters; and a collection of medals and other memorials issued to commemorate the death of Charles I., by Miss H. Farquhar.

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43, BEDFORD SQUARE,

LONDON, W.C.

10th March, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

The following paper will be read :—

THE ANGLIAN COINS of HARTHACNUT; by H. ALEXANDER PARSONS.

Exhibitions, with descriptive notes, are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on February 24th, 1915.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, President, in the Chair.

Earl Kitchener was elected an Honorary Member; and Mr. T. Allworthy, Mr. A. N. Brushfield, Mr. R. T. Christopher, Mr. W. Longman, Mr. H. D. McEwen, and Mr. A. S. Whitfield were elected Members.

Mr. Grant R. Francis read a paper on 'The Crowns of the Tower Mint of Charles I.,' in which he traced the chronological order of their issues, and introduced several hitherto unnoticed examples for which the same die had been used, with a substituted or overstruck mint-mark, in two, and in some cases three, successive issues. No fewer than forty-three minor varieties of the crowns were recorded, and in most cases Mr. Francis exhibited the coins illustrating his remarks. Amongst these was a specimen, in remarkably good preservation, of a crown of the first issue with the mint-mark lys, but bearing the large plume over the shield on the reverse, to denote that it was struck from Welsh silver: of this only one example was previously known.

Mr. W. J. Andrew in a short paper 'On the Obsidional Money of Charles I.'s Reign' questioned the attribution of such money of necessity to the sieges of isolated fortresses, such as Beeston Castle and Lathom House, urging that it could only have been required where the defended area included the towns, as at Carlisle, Colchester, Newark, Pontefract, and Scarborough, in which it would pass current amongst the burgesses. In support of his argument he quoted passages from a contemporary diary of the siege of Lathom House, including the entry: "There was amongst the soldiers of the garrison about 50*l.* in money, but of no use at all to them but to play at span counter with. They lent it to one another by handfuls, never telling or counting any. One day one soldier had all, and the next another, till at last all their sport was spoiled, for the enemy at the gate stripped them of every penny."

Amongst the exhibitions were a series of twenty Tower crowns of Charles I., by the President; a large silver medal engraved in the Simon Passe style, although rather later than his date, bearing a portrait of Charles I. on one side and that of Charles II. on the other, inscribed "Give thy judgments O God unto the King, and thy righteousness to the King's Son," by the Rev. F. J. Eld; and a tray of mediæval coins struck in imitation of the English penny in the Low Countries at places prominent in the present war reports, by Mr. L. A. Lawrence.

Mr. J. Sanford Saltus presented to the Society the large gold medal of the Red Cross Society of New York.

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21st April, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

The following paper will be read:—

MAUNDY MONEY; by MISS HELEN FARQUHAR.

Exhibitions, with descriptive notes, are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on March 17th, 1915.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, President, in the Chair.

Mr. James E. Cree, Mr. Terence Eden, Mr. W. J. Longhurst, the Rev. Edgar Rogers, and the Hon. Andrew Shirley were elected Members.

Mr. H. A. Parsons read a paper on 'The Anglian Coins of Harthacnut,' in which, after explaining away numerous misreadings and Danish coins which had been allowed to creep into the standard works on Anglo-Saxon numismatics, he demonstrated that three types only were issued during the reign. The chronological order of these three coinages and their dates of issue were then considered, and reasons were proffered to show that one of them was struck during Harthacnut's reign over Southern England from 1035 to 1037, in the lifetime of Harold I. The existence of money issued by Harthacnut at this period had hitherto passed unnoticed, notwithstanding that the type in question could only be regarded as anomalous if allowed to stay amongst the coins of his reign from 1040 to 1042 as sole monarch of all England.

Miss H. Farquhar exhibited a series of five half-crowns of Charles I. by Briot, namely, 1, a variety of Hawkins 497 in very high relief; 2, Hawkins 498, but a small B within the O of EBOR.; 3, similar, but the small B at an obtuse angle over a pellet to the right of the crown on the reverse; 4, mint-mark anchor, B upright on the obverse, horizontal on the reverse; 5, the pattern of 1628 with the signature N. BRIOT . F.

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12th May, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

EXHIBITION OF WAR MEDALS.

MEMBERS are invited to show British NAVAL and MILITARY MEDALS, ORDERS, DECORATIONS, and objects of similar interest, with SHORT PAPERS or descriptive NOTES thereon.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m. to elect a Successor to the late Mr. Roth, Vice-President.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on April 28th, 1915.

FROM The Athenæum.

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRISON, President, in the Chair.

The President referred to the loss suffered by the Society in the death of Mr. Bernard Roth, one of its Vice-Presidents.—Mr. W. L. Harrison was elected a Member.

Miss Helen Farquhar read a paper on 'Maundy Money,' in which, whilst admitting that a considerable quantity of small silver was required by our Tudor and Stuart monarchs for daily charities, apart from the small amount demanded by the actual dole on Holy Thursday, she deprecated, as conveying an erroneous impression, the use of the term "Maundy" for the groat and threepence until after the advent of the House of Hanover, and adduced evidence from contemporary manuscript sources of the continual issue for ordinary currency of the small coins usually massed by numismatists under that title. She explained that at the ceremony in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the silver dole consisted of "single pence" equal in number to the years of the sovereign's age, with "one year of grace" over, given to a like number of poor persons. A document which ordered half-groats as well as pennies at Eastertide for the use of James I., was accounted for by reference to a record of the Royal progress of his predecessor, Queen Elizabeth, through St. James's Park in the afternoon of Holy Thursday, when she distributed to more than 2,000 men, women, and children, the sum of twopence apiece although her pensioners earlier in the day had received "single pence."

Dr. G. C. Williamson, by permission of Earl Beauchamp, exhibited the original miniature by Hilliard representing the dole of Maundy money by Queen Elizabeth. It was probably the only contemporary view of such a ceremony in Tudor times, and, as illustrative of several points raised by Miss Farquhar in her paper, created much interest. An expression of thanks to Lord Beauchamp for his courtesy to the Society was passed.

Amongst other exhibitions were Maundy money of all sovereigns from Charles II. to our present King; examples of the red bags, for the gold, and the white bags, for the silver, in which it was distributed; also patterns and rare varieties of the small coins of Charles I. and Charles II., by Miss Farquhar; a series of Maundy money by Mr. Joseph Young; examples of the groat, threepence, and penny of Charles II. and James II. from dies on which the dates had been altered, and proofs of the groat and half-groat of 1686, by the President; specimens of the Maundy bags, and shillings of James I. and Charles I., with altered mint-marks not previously recorded, by Mr. H. A. Parsons; and a Guernsey double of 1911 bearing three leopards, instead of three lions, in the arms, by Mr. Henry Garside.

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16th June, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23rd.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

Paper:—A Guide to the Silver Coins of Edward VI.; by the President.

Exhibitions of Tudor Coins with descriptive notes are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m. to select the List of Officers and Council to be nominated for 1916.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

SUBJECT to the approval of the MEMBERS, it is proposed to omit the usual Meeting in July, and adjourn until the next, namely, on OCTOBER 27TH, when Mr. WILLIAM MARTIN, M.A., LL.D., F.S.A., will address the Society upon "LONDON AS ILLUSTRATED UPON THE GREAT SEALS," and EXHIBITIONS of Coins, Medals, and Views of Old LONDON will be invited.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on May 19th, 1915.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, President, in the Chair.

The Public Library, Newcastle, was elected to membership.—The President announced that Fleet-Surgeon A. E. Weightman had been appointed Vice-President in succession to the late Mr. Roth.

The evening had been reserved for the annual exhibition of naval and military medals, orders, and decorations, and the objects of interest lent were so numerous that only a selection can be noticed. Miss H. Farquhar showed a set of medals of Charles I., including a badge by Rawlins dated 1642, which indicated his presence at Oxford in that year. She also read a paper upon documentary evidence of the issue of medals to commemorate the capture of the Spanish galleons at Vigo in 1702. Mr. Spink exhibited a series of medals representing every British regiment engaged in the Waterloo campaign; the rich group of medals and decorations of Sir James Lyon, who commanded the 6th Hanoverian Division; the field-officer's gold medal for Salamanca, with bar for Vittoria, of Col. Thomas Lloyd (of the 94th Regiment), who fell at Nivelles, and a beautifully chased casket in gold inscribed to his memory by his brother officers. Mr. Charles Winter, describing this collection, explained that the first designs for the Waterloo medal were in bronze and gold, but at the suggestion of the Duke of Wellington, it was decided to issue it in one size and one metal, silver, the obverse being from a drawing by Sir Thomas Lawrence, and the reverse from a Greek coin of Elis. Mr. T. K. Mackenzie produced the Duke's own medal for that battle, which was officially indented with his name and title upon the edge; a group of decorations awarded to Col. Cutcliffe of the 23rd Light Dragoons; the Peninsular medal, with ten bars, of Dr. Archibald Arnott (of the 20th Foot), afterwards Napoleon's surgeon at St. Helena; and a manuscript report of the battle of Waterloo by Col. Best, who commanded the Hanoverian Brigade. Mr. E. E. Needs followed with the original medal for Waterloo of Sergeant Charles Ewart (of the Scots Greys), the hero of the well-known picture 'The Fight for the Standard'; and the Mint-Master's presentation copy of the medal inscribed to the Duke of Kent. Major Freer contributed a paper upon the importance of the careful preservation of medals as memorials of the recipients, which he illustrated by a series of decorations awarded to members of his family in Peninsular times. Mr. W. S. Ogden exhibited a folding map printed for the use of soldiers in the Carolean wars; Mr. Andrew, a large seal, in silver-gilt and carnelian, of the Iron Duke; and the President, an interesting letter to a German soldier found by his son in the enemy's trenches at Neuve Chapelle.

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LONDON, W.C.

14th July, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

In deference to the claims of NATIONAL DUTY upon the time and attention of Members, the Council has decided to OMIT the Meeting originally scheduled for July the 21st. The Session, therefore, will stand adjourned until OCTOBER the 27th, when MR. WILLIAM MARTIN, M.A., LL.D., F.S.A., will address the Society upon "LONDON AS ILLUSTRATED UPON THE GREAT SEALS," and EXHIBITIONS of Coins, Medals, and Views of OLD LONDON will be invited.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on June 23rd, 1915.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, President, in the Chair.

Congratulations were accorded to the President upon his appointment to the command of the R.F.A. Brigade at Fulham.—Mrs. W. V. Chapin. Mr. E. S. Spicer. Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby. and Mr. H. W. Longbottom were nominated, and Mr. W. J. Faulkner and Mr. Oswald Moore were elected Members.

The President read a treatise entitled 'A Guide to the Silver Coins of Edward VI.,' in which he explained that, owing to the discoveries of the late Sir John Evans and the recent researches amongst contemporary documents at the Record Office by Mr. Henry Symonds, some material rearrangement of these coins had become necessary. He now divided them into three classes, of which Class I. comprised those which still bore the portrait, name, and title of Henry VIII. He agreed with the late Sir John Evans that the coins bearing the mint-mark E should be given to Southwark, and considered that those with the martlet corresponded with the base shillings of that mark issued in 1550, and should be attributed to the Tower. A groat of York bearing a mint-mark which seemed to be a boar's head, and disclosing Lombardic lettering upon the obverse, was evidence that the class was continued so late as 1551. Class II. consisted of the coins of base silver which were issued between 1549 and 1551 bearing the portrait and name of Edward VI. Of these he divided the shillings into three sections according to their fineness of silver, namely, 8, 6, or 3 oz. fine. Class III. comprised the fine silver coinages of 1551 to 1553. The paper included tables of the coins of the three classes, arranged under the metropolitan and country mints, and of the mint-marks attributed to the various mints. The author exhibited a large series of the coins to illustrate his subject.

British Numismatic Society.

43, BEDFORD SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.

20th October, 1915.

PATRON

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1915.

Wednesday, October 27th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

Paper :—London as illustrated upon the Great Seals;
by William Martin, M.A., LL.D., F.S.A.

EXHIBITION OF OLD LONDON. MEMBERS are invited to exhibit original GREAT SEALS, COINS, MEDALS, PICTURES, PRINTS, and WORKS OF ART showing VIEWS OF LONDON in the TUDOR and STUART periods, with SHORT PAPERS or descriptive NOTES thereon.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

British Numismatic Society.

43, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

22nd November, 1915.

PATRON :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.

8 p.m. ORDINARY MEETING.

8.30 p.m. ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

8.45—9.15 p.m. BALLOT for the ELECTION of OFFICERS and COUNCIL for the ensuing year.

EXHIBITION OF ANCIENT SEALS.

MEMBERS are requested to exhibit OLD BRITISH SEALS and other objects of interest bearing ANCIENT INSCRIPTIONS and DEVICES of similar character. Discussion will be invited upon the relative methods of seal-cutters and die-sinkers in preparing their matrices for seals and coins.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on October 27th, 1915.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRISON, President, in the Chair.

The Society recorded its deep regret for the death of the Rev. C. K. Henderson, and its appreciation of his services upon the Council.—Mrs. W. V. Chapin, Mr. H. W. Longbottom, Mr. R. A. Brabazon Ponsonby, and Mr. E. L. Spicer were elected Members.

Dr. William Martin read a paper upon 'London as illustrated upon the Great Seals,' the main object of which was to direct attention to a source of information, hitherto somewhat neglected, concerning the appearance of London in Stuart times, and by so doing lead possibly to the discovery or recognition of the original view or views of old London from which the illustrations upon the Great Seals and similar pictorial efforts had been drawn. One immediate result of the 'Rebirth of the Old Learning' was the production of representations of localities—representations approximating to plans, but more often to pictures. In the fifteenth century the public had seemingly tired of pictures which served as backgrounds to the painting of events in the lives of the saints and of events upon which religion was based, and asked for pictures or panoramas of cities or towns or structures which should absorb virtually the whole of the onlooker's interest. Satisfaction of this request was forthcoming, and figures, once paramount, were, when present, relegated to subordinate positions, and became merged in ornamental detail.

When the Elizabethan period arrived, this method of expressing what might formerly have been backgrounds had fully matured, resulting in the production of admirable picture-plans of old London. Although the trend of development was as stated, yet there remained a class of picture which failed to move with the times. In this conservative type the figure in the forefront secured attention, while the prospect beyond competed only with flat ornamental detail. It was these backgrounds, when cartographic, which formed the subject of the paper. If these backgrounds were to be treated seriously, they demanded, in common with other contemporary map-views, 'interpretation' in the fullest extent of the term. They must be discussed in relation to a prototype in existence or which we surmise to have existed; they must be ranged with other variations of the prototype before the information they were capable of giving could be extracted. It was a common fault with many writers to base conclusions upon a single representative of a group of map-views without reference to the original of which that representative might be but a degraded specimen.

In order to assess the value of the views of old London which appeared on so many of the Great

Seals, other views of a somewhat allied character were, with the aid of the lantern, passed in review.

The well-known attempts to depict London on the corporate seal of the city, c. 1224, were shown, as also the view worked in tapestry, c. 1290, from the Barcheston factory by Richard Hykes, a view evidently founded on the map in Saxton's Atlas of earlier date. As bearing closely upon the panorama of London between the horse's legs on the reverse of the second Great Seal of Charles I., which was the first Great Seal to show London, an equestrian portrait of James I. was exhibited, in which a great proportion of Southwark had been allowed to remain. This and other contemporary illustrations shed light upon pictures of London which adorned the Great Seals down to 1815, when a picture of Windsor was substituted for that of London. Several slides of these Great Seals were shown. The lecturer drew special attention to the Great Seal of Richard Cromwell, in which the high-water mark of excellence was reached, and remarked upon the similarity of the horse to that by Le Sœur which, carrying Charles I., faces Whitehall.

In addition, some medals, on which a panorama of London occupied the whole of the field, were shown on the screen. Some ingenuity was required in order to determine the individual buildings upon the seals, maps, and views of which illustrations had been given. It was clear that in many instances houses were expressed conventionally, and that an attempt to identify them would be useless. The lecturer, in conclusion, hoped that the originals of the backgrounds from the time of the Stuarts might be forthcoming, and so help to swell that magnificent series of map-views of old London of which we were the inheritors.

Mr. W. S. Ogden exhibited Great Seals of Elizabeth and James I., also a collection of early views and plans of London, including original drawings of Winchester Palace, Southwark, in 1815, and the Chapel Royal, Savoy, in 1823.—Miss H. Farquhar showed Charles I.'s medal with a view of London for its reverse.—Mr. W. J. Andrew showed the very similar Jacobite medal of 1721; also a plate found beneath the floor of an old house in Winchester, commemorating the election of the Emperor of Germany, circa 1620, on which each of the seven Electors is represented in cast silver relief as an equestrian figure with a view of his city below the horse, exactly as upon the Great Seals illustrated in the lecture. It is possible that, as one of the Electors was the Count Palatine of the Rhine, the plate was part of a service belonging to Prince Rupert or Prince Maurice, for both were more than once at Winchester during the Civil War.

The British Numismatic Society.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

NOVEMBER 30TH, 1915.

The Council has the honour to present its Twelfth Annual Report to the Members.

Widespread as are the pernicious effects of the great German-cradled War, the stability of your Society remains unshaken; indeed, the past year has proved financially profitable. Yet the toll in the Roll of Honour from our Members must be an ever present bond of sympathy amongst us.

On November the 30th, 1914, the Society consisted of 18 Royal, 13 Honorary, and 412 Ordinary Members, the total being 443.

It is a pleasing circumstance that all our Royal Members are representatives either of the Allied Military Powers, or of neutral, but friendly, States. This fact would seem to indicate the trend of Continental amity with Britain long before the War.

Our List of Honorary Members is reduced by the fact that three of its Members have permanently retired from the Country.

The appointment of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener as an Honorary Member of the Society will be welcomed by all, and the more so when we remember that, notwithstanding his arduous military duties, he has for many years taken a keen interest in the science of numismatics.

When so many of our Members have loyally responded to the Nation's Call to Arms, and are at the Front on both sea and land, it is impossible to accurately ascertain our losses from that cause at the present time, because of the difficulty of identifying the names under their official descriptions, but all will unite in heart-felt hope that the casualties may be few indeed.

With this deep feeling we tender a tribute of honour to the memory of Mr. Stewart Algernon Clarke, a member of the Stock Exchange, who was killed in action in France on the 13th of October, as a sergeant in the 6th Buffs Regiment whilst in charge of a machine-gun. He was well known at our Meetings in connection with numismatics and antiquities relating to the County of Kent.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the loss by death of two of our Colleagues upon your Council, the late Mr. Bernard Roth, F.S.A., and the Rev. Cooper Kennett Henderson, M.A.

Mr. Roth not only assisted in the formation of the Society, but always took the most keen and active interest in its welfare. In 1903

he was elected upon the first Council, and from 1905 to the date of his death, in April last, he held the office of a Vice-President. During that period he was a constant contributor to the volumes of our *Journal*, and his treatises upon ancient British money, ancient Gaulish coins, and the coins of the Danish kings of Ireland will remain standard works of reference. He was one of the leading collectors of the day, a son-in-law of the late John Bright, a Magistrate for Middlesex, a well-known specialist as a surgeon, and a most valued Member of our Society.

The Rev. Mr. Henderson joined as a Member in 1906, and from 1910 to his return to England in 1913 represented the Society as Corresponding Member in Italy. In the latter year he was elected upon the Council, where his disposition rightly earned him the sincere friendship of all his colleagues, and at the date of his last illness he had a work in preparation for the pages of our *Journal*.

Yet another loss amongst those who have served office has befallen us, in the death of Mr. Oswald Fitch, F.G.S. From 1911 to 1913 he was one of your Council and would no doubt have been re-elected to-day had he been with us. He was a well-known numismatist and the quality of his collection may be gauged by the instance that he recently exhibited to the Society one of the very few extant gold pennies of Henry III.

We also deeply regret to report the decease of three others of our Members, Mrs. Aitken, Mr. Henry Bailey, and Mr. Charles D. Panter.

The list of twenty-two resignations we have submitted is no heavier than the average in years of peace, and the five names amoved are directly due to the War, because they represent members resident in enemy-countries.

It is, however, evident that the restful science of numismatics has claims upon many as a relief to the thrills of war, for one of the two surprises of the year has been the election of so many as twenty-three new members, namely,

Mr. Thomas Allworthy.	The Rev. Douglas G. Matthews,
The Society of Antiquaries of	M.A. (Cantab.).
Scotland.	Mrs. Walton Mellor.
Mr. A. N. Brushfield, M.R.C.S.,	Mr. Oswald Moor.
L.R.C.P.	The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public
Mrs. William V. Chapin.	Library.
Mr. Richard Thorney Christopher.	Mr. Richard A. B. Ponsonby.
Mr. James Edward Cree.	The Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A.
Mr. Terence Eden.	The Hon. Andrew Shirley.
Mr. W. J. Faulkner.	Mr. Ronald Montagu Simon.
Mr. W. L. Harrison.	Mr. William J. Songhurst,
Mr. F. W. Longbottom.	F.C.I.S.
Mr. William Longman.	Mr. E. S. Spicer.
Mr. Hugh Drummond McEwen.	Mr. Archibald Stanton Whitfield.

SUMMARY.

			<i>Royal.</i>	<i>Honorary.</i>	<i>Ordinary.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
30th November, 1914	...	...	18	13	412	443
Since elected...	...	...	—	1	23	24
			18	14	435	467
Deceased	...	...	—	—	7	7
Resigned	...	...	—	3	22	25
Amoved	...	...	—	—	5	5
30th November, 1915	...	...	18	11	401	430

Our congratulations are due to our President, Lt.-Col. Morrieson, upon his return to the Service and appointment to the command of the 177th (Fulham) Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery; also to ourselves, in that although he has been quartered with his Brigade away from London, he has not missed occupying the chair at any of our Meetings during the year. We also congratulate him upon the recovery of his son from wounds received in France on May the 9th.

The best wishes of the Society will be with Mr. Lionel Fletcher, a Member of the Council, who has recently been invalided home from the Front after a year in the trenches with the Hon. Artillery Company.

Our Director, Major Carlyon-Britton, who, as Second in Command of the 14th West Yorkshire Regiment, has been stationed, first in Cornwall, and later at Lichfield, has nevertheless on one or two occasions been able to be present at our Meetings, for his interest in the welfare of the Society knows no slackening.

To our Librarian, Mr. Raymond Carlyon-Britton, our congratulations are due upon his appointment to the London Committee of the French Red Cross, because since the first month of the War he has been urgently applying for permission to serve his Country, but one of the standards of measurement in the British Army has been the difficulty.

Yet again you will join us in expressing our gratitude to Major Carlyon-Britton and Mr. Lumb for so generously continuing to place the suite of rooms at 43, Bedford Square at the service of the Society free of cost. In these days of general economic pressure this gift to us will be even more appreciated than in times of peace.

The second surprise of the year must be accredited to our Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Hutchins, F.C.A., whose most careful management of the financial affairs of the Society has resulted in a profit of thirteen guineas upon the year's returns. This result under present conditions carries far more weight to his credit than can any words of ours, and also evidences the financial strength of the Society.

The Library, under the direction of Mr. Raymond Carlyon-Britton, continues to make steady progress and becomes more and more useful to our Members.

Our Editor, Mr. Andrew, reports that Vol. XI, the first volume of the second series of the *Journal*, is now in the Press, and will be issued within the early months of the New Year. The claims of the nation upon the services and time of many of our usual contributors render the publication of the *Journal* a more difficult task than of yore, and the coming volume may in consequence be slightly reduced in the number of its pages. He greatly regrets that the sequence of what, in his opinion, are two of the most important works ever written upon British numismatics has to be broken for a time, namely, the "Numismatic History of the Reigns of William I. and II.," by Major Carlyon-Britton, which, as all will agree, must await the relaxation of his military duties; and the "Numismatic History of Edward I., II., and III.," by Mr. H. B. Earle Fox and Mr. J. S. Shirley-Fox, which you will regret to hear, is interrupted by the ill-health of the former—ill-health which we trust will soon be remedied. Fortunately, Mr. L. A. Lawrence, realising the needs of the Society, has not only completed his standard treatise upon the Long-cross Coinage of Henry III. and Edward I., but also has expedited and contributed a monograph on the Short-cross Coinage of Henry II. to Henry III., which, we believe, will take foremost rank in the numismatic history of that period. These papers, with the wonted ability of our usual contributors, should render the coming volume worthy of its series.

At our last Anniversary Meeting the result of the ballot for the award of the John Sanford Saltus Triennial Gold Medal was almost unanimously in favour of our Secretary and Editor, Mr. W. J. Andrew, for his contribution of a "Numismatic History of the Reign of Stephen," which is being intermittently continued through the volumes of our *Journal*.

In view of the present conditions our Meetings have been exceptionally well attended, and your Council is grateful to those Members who have thus encouraged the work of the Society by their presence and also by their contributions to the varied exhibitions of objects of interest.

Of our Meetings, that usually held in July is, even in peace times, the least satisfactory, because it falls at the height of the holiday season. This year your Council decided to omit it, lest a poor attendance should have a depressing effect upon the gatherings to follow; and, subject to your approval, it is thought that this may be a precedent which it would be wise to follow during, at least, the continuance of the War.

The question whether it would be possible to change the hour of our Meetings so that they could be held under daylight conditions has received our serious consideration, but at present no such arrangement seems to be practicable.

We specially thank those who have assisted the Society by interesting themselves in the enrolment of the 23 new Members during the year, and we trust that their praiseworthy example will be followed generally, for in this all can assist.

Lastly, we feel that the thanks of the Members are due to Mr. W. Beresford Smith and Mr. Alfred Tarver, who have most kindly undertaken the responsibility of auditing the Society's accounts—an arduous, but we will not say a thankless, task.

British Numismatic Society,

43, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

SESSION 1916.

ORDINARY MEETINGS.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JANUARY 1916

„ 23RD FEBRUARY „

„ 22ND MARCH „

„ 26TH APRIL „

„ 24TH MAY „

„ 28TH JUNE „

„ 25TH OCTOBER „

ANNIVERSARY, ST. ANDREW'S DAY,

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1916,

Ordinary Meeting, 8 p.m., Anniversary Meeting.

8.30 p.m.

* * The Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. precisely at
all Ordinary Meetings.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary*.

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British Numismatic Society,

43, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

Patron.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1916.

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British Numismatic Society.

43, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

12th January, 1916.

PATRON :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1916.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

PAPER:— Coins of the Shrewsbury Mint, 1642; by Lieut.-Col. H. W. Morrieson, R.A., F.S.A., *President*.

Exhibitions of Coins, Medals and Tokens are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary*.

Report of the Anniversary Meeting held on November 30th, 1915.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

LIEUT.-COL. C. W. MORRIESON, *President*, in the Chair.

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, the Rev. Douglas G. Matthews, and Mr. R. M. Simon were elected to membership.—The Council's report was read, and the Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Hutchins, presented his accounts which, notwithstanding the difficulties of the times, had resulted in a credit balance for the year.

The ballot for the election of Officers and Council for the session 1916 resulted as follows : *President*, Lieut.-Col. H. W. Morrieson ; *Vice-Presidents*, Miss H. Farquhar, Major W. J. Freer, Lord Grantley, Mr. L. A. Lawrence, Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, and Mr. J. S. Shirley-Fox ; *Director*, Major P. W. P. Carlyon-Britton ; *Treasurer*, Mr. A. C. Hutchins ; *Librarian*, Mr. R. C. Carlyon-Britton ; *Secretary*, Mr. W. J. Andrew ; *Council*, Mr. Thomas Bearman, Mr. William Dale, General C. S. Feltrim Fagan, Mr. H. B. Earle Fox, Mr. Grant R. Francis, Mr. Mellor Lumb, Mr. W. Sharp Ogden, Mr. H. A. Parsons, the Rev. Edgar Rogers, Mr. Edward Shepherd, Mr. W. Beresford Smith, Mr. S. M. Spink, Mr. Henry Symonds, Mr. H. W. Taffs, and Mr. F. A. Walters. The Auditors for the year were Mr. W. Beresford Smith and Mr. Alfred Tarver ; and the Scrutators the Rev. Edgar Rogers and Mr. Coleman P. Hyman.

An exhibition of Ancient British Seals and other objects of interest bearing early inscriptions or devices of similar character was held, to which Dr. Philip Nelson, Col. Morrieson, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. H. Symonds, Major Freer, Mr. S. M. Spink, Mr. H. Fentiman, and Mr. Andrew contributed interesting examples.

British Numismatic Society.

43 BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

15th February, 1916.

PATRON :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1916.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

The Annual EXHIBITION OF WAR MEDALS, Naval and Military Orders,
Decorations and Medals.

*MEMBERS are invited to exhibit such objects of interest, and to read short
papers or notes upon them.*

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary*

Report of the Meeting held on January 19th, 1916.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, President, in the Chair.

The President read a monograph on the coins of the Shrewsbury mint, 1642. The coins of this mint were the first of the well-known "Declaration" type, and were issued about a month after Charles I., at the head of his army, had made this proclamation to preserve the religion, laws, and privileges of Parliament, at Wellington on his way to Shrewsbury. Although issued at first as medals at the instance of Thomas Bushell, the mint-master, they conformed in value with the general currency of the period, and passed as such. For the very short time the mint was in operation (some three months in all), the number of varieties struck was large. This, in the author's opinion, was due to the pressure of work, which necessitated the employment of more than one engraver, and thus each artist produced his own idea of the general design. The dies being used indiscriminately, instead of in pairs as designed, again multiplied the varieties of the coins issued. For the silver pound-piece the President was able to enumerate four obverse and four reverse dies; for the half-pound, six of each; for the crown, three obverse and five reverse; for the half-crown, six obverse and nine reverse; and for the shilling, two obverse and two reverse dies. The smaller denominations, if issued at Shrewsbury, must have been of the ordinary Aberystwith type. Discussing the general reverse design, he suggested that the three plumes symbolized the three provisions of the Declaration, and explained that in any case one of the plumes was required to be present upon the coins under the conditions of Bushell's patent. Col. Morrieson regretted that the names of the engravers were unknown, but because of the superiority of the art of one of the dies he thought that it well might represent the work of Thomas Rawlins. In illustration of his subject he exhibited an almost complete series of the varieties referred to, namely, 5 pound-pieces, 6 half-pound pieces, 6 crowns, 11 half-crowns, and 3 shillings.

Amongst other exhibitions were a beautiful example of the half-crown, mint-mark one pellet without ground under the horse's feet, by Mr. J. O. Manton; a shilling of coarse work minted with an Oxford reverse, by Mr. R. Carlyn Britton; a set of fine examples of the four higher denominations, by Mr. W. M. Meash; and a shilling and two sixpences of Charles I. bearing the mint-mark B and R (or R and B) in monogram, by Mr. F. A. Walters.

British Numismatic Society.

43 BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

15th March, 1916.

PATRON :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1916.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

Paper:—Symbols and Marks on the Later Anglo-Saxon Coins;
by H. Alexander Parsons.

Exhibitions, with descriptive notes, are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on February 23rd, 1916.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESEN, President, in the Chair.

The President announced that the French Government had presented the Cross of a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur to Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, Vice-President of the Society, and a vote of congratulation was passed to him. A set of medals commemorating the statue of Joan of Arc recently erected at New York, with a stone relic from her dungeon, which had been presented by Mr. Saltus and Mr. G. F. King, were exhibited.

The evening had been set apart for the annual Exhibition of War Medals, and a large and valuable display of naval and military orders, decorations, and medals resulted. Amongst these were the Gold Cross and Silver Star of the Bath, the Gold Peninsular Cross for Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, and Badajoz, with five bars for Talavera, Salamanca, St. Sebastian, Vittoria, and Nive, awarded to Lieut.-Col. Sir William Howe de Lancey of the 45th Foot, who fell at Waterloo, by Mr. Charles Winter, who also showed other groups of medals of almost equal interest. An example in copper of the medal which the Marquis of Granby presented to four cadets of the Royal Military Academy in 1765 as prizes of honour, two in gold and two in silver, by the President. A set of four medals, including that for the Indian Mutiny with two clasps, of Major-General Delafosse, who was one of the four survivors from the massacre of Cawnpore; also a Peninsular medal with eleven clasps with the Waterloo medal of Sergeant James Ingham of the 23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers, by Mr. E. E. Needes. Medals, the original rolls on parchment for 1806 and 1820, a helmet and a badge of the South Nottinghamshire Yeomanry, by Mr. Frank E. Burton, who read a paper on the regiment. A set of ten medals, including the Peninsular with eight bars, all awarded to men of the 43rd Foot, also a large series of military and historical medals, both British and Napoleonic, by Major W. J. Freer, and the brass-plate of a kit-box inscribed, "Rt. Honble. W. Pitt, Col. (Cinque Port Volunteers)," which recorded a forgotten military episode in the life of the Great Commoner, by Mr. Thomas Bearman.

British Numismatic Society.

43 BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

17th May, 1916.

PATRON :

HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

SESSION 1916.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

Papers:—The Coins of Archbishop Eanbald II. of York, A.D., 796-808; by H. Alexander Parsons.

A Coin of Prince Henry of Scotland as Earl of Northumberland, Carlisle. &c, temp. Stephen; by F. A. Walters, F.S.A.

Exhibitions, with descriptive notes, are invited.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Notice to Members.—Volume XI. of the *Journal*, due last December, was delayed by the difficulties of the times, and for two months by my recent illness. It is now approaching completion.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary*.

Report of the Meeting held on April 26th, 1916.

FROM *The Athenæum*.

LIEUT.-COL. MORRIESON, President, in the Chair.

Mrs. Suckling was elected a Member. The President announced that the director, Major Carlyon-Britton, was now with his regiment on active service, where the best wishes of the Society would be with him.

Mr. Grant R. Francis read a paper on 'The Tower Half-Crowns of Charles I.,' in which the variations and dies of each mint-mark were chronologically arranged. A series of 147 differing dies had been classified and described. Some hitherto unrecorded varieties were noticed, and particular attention was called to several recent discoveries by the President, the writer, and others. Amongst these, the use of one of Briot's puncheons for the general Tower issue, with the mint-mark a triangle over the anchor; the use of a puncheon, probably prepared for the Aberystwith issues, for the Tower dies, with the mint-mark a triangle; and a subsequently overstruck specimen showing the same Aberystwith peculiarities, but with the mint-mark a star over the triangle, were prominent features.

In illustration of his subject Mr. Francis exhibited a series of thirty-one of the half-crowns specially referred to; the President, sixteen varieties showing the chronological order as evidenced by the punching of new mint-marks on the old dies, and including the rare "b" types with the central Welsh plume on the reverse, indicative of silver produced from the mines of Wales; Mr. W. B. Thorpe, nine coins of new or unusual varieties; and Mr. F. A. Walters, a fine half-crown of type 3 B, which established the fact, not previously assured, that the mint-mark, a crown, had been overstruck on the bell.

Amongst other exhibitions were a beautiful series of the rose-rials of the second and third coinages of James I., showing their chronological order by the over-striking of the mint-marks, and the "six-shilling piece," Scottish, with the rare date 1612, by Mr. Raymond Carlyon-Britton; and an unusually fine half-crown of Charles I. type 4, with mint-mark a triangle, recently found at Winchester, by Mr. William Dale.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th.

ORDINARY MEETING at 8 p.m.

Paper:—A Hoard of Coins of William the Conqueror found in a trench in the War-area; by Raymond C. Carlyon-Britton.

The Hoard will be lent for exhibition at the Meeting, and discussion on the Norman Coinage is invited.

Exhibitions of Norman Coins, with descriptive notes, will be welcomed.

Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. J. ANDREW, *Secretary.*

Report of the Meeting held on May 24th, 1916.

FROM *The Athenæum.*

LIEUT.-COL. H. W. MORRIESON, PRESIDENT IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. David T. Harris was elected a Member.

Mr. H. A. Parsons read a paper on the coins of Eanbald, Archbishop of York at the dawn of the ninth century, in which—by a close examination, and comparison with the contemporary regal coinage, of the names of the moneyers, the types of the coins, certain characters in the lettering of the legends, and the assay of the metal of some of the stycas—he proffered new evidence in support of the attribution of the issue to the second archbishop of the name. In illustration of his arguments he exhibited stycas of Eanbald of all the four moneyers whose names have been preserved to us on the coinage, with analogous coins of the regal series to bear out his comparisons.

Mr. F. A. Walters exhibited, and read a paper on, a silver penny of Henry, Prince of Scotland and Earl of Northumberland in the reign of Stephen. It was issued from the mint of Carlisle, and was a type of which only one other specimen had, with certainty, been attributed to the Earl. Two more examples of the type were known, but, so far as their poor preservation indicated their legends, they seemed to bear the name of his father, King David. The coin was a finely preserved penny, bearing for its obverse design an imitation of Stephen's contemporary type of a crowned bust with sceptre to right, but with the legend, contracted in the genitive case to HENCI COM, for *Henrici Comititis*. The design of the reverse was Scottish in character, being a plain cross fleury, with the legend WILLEM : ON : CARDI : C. The moneyer, William of Carlisle, was William Fitz-Erembald, who, for the purposes of his mint, rented the Cumberland silver mines from the English Crown at a hundred marks; and the form of the mint-name was interesting as contracted from the *Carduill* of contemporary charters with the addition of the initial of *Civitas*, in recognition of the then recent establishment of the see of Carlisle in 1133.

Amongst other exhibitions were a shilling of Charles I. from punches designed by Briot, with the mint-mark triangle struck over the anchor, by Mr. Walters; and two Scottish pattern-pieces of Charles I., corresponding with the sixpence and fourpence of the English series, also designed by Briot, by Mr. Bearman.

VOTE.

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